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## Appendix X.

[Vide answer to question No. 445-A asked by Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 31st October 1931, at page 270 supra.]

*Note on the introduction of resettlement rates in the East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna districts.*

To the ryots of East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna districts.

It has come to the knowledge of Government that in spite of the clear orders issued by them about the resettlement in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna in G.O. No. 1486 (21-S), dated 11th July 1931 and the Press Communique, dated 4th September 1931 attempts are being made to misrepresent facts and belittle the concession sanctioned by them. This leaflet is issued to inform you of the true facts.

2. The summary of the resettlement proposals already published in the District Gazette and distributed to every village towards the end of 1928 shows very clearly how in spite of the rise in prices which justified a much larger increase of rates, Government were pleased to limit the enhancement to $18\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, so as to leave every possible margin for the development of a higher standard of living among the agricultural population.

3. You may also notice that on the eve of resettlement Government, in order to afford as much convenience to the ryots as lay in their power, accepted the resolution passed in the Legislative Council and appointed a non-official Committee to make enquiries into the economic condition of the ryots in the three districts and to examine the rates of enhancement proposed by the Settlement Officer. The Committee submitted its report on 30th January 1930. One of its recommendations was that the proposed increase of assessment should not be given effect to. Now, you may be told by some interested agitators that Government have flouted the opinion of this Committee and have ignored its findings. This is false. The Committee's report was examined paragraph by paragraph and Government were satisfied that the report contained many mis-statements and inaccuracies; it was only after the most careful consideration of the report that Government decided to reject the findings of the Committee and to sanction the enhancement proposed by the Special Settlement Officer and the Board of Revenue which was lenient and justified.

4. There is however one factor that has affected your prosperity during the current year. It is the world-wide economic depression and the fall in prices but Government have not been slow to recognize this. Realizing that the collection of the enhancement of annas three and annas two respectively in the rupee all at once in the current year would be a hardship to you, they have spread the collection of the increase over a period of three and four years respectively in the case of lands in

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which the enhancement is $18\frac{3}{4}$ per cent and those on which it is $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Thus in the former case you will not have to pay an increase of more than one anna in the rupee in the current year and in the latter case an increase of more than six pies for each rupee. The following example will show the assessment which will be payable on a patta in respect of the several kinds of lands until the full resettlement rate is reached :—

| Number and name of the holder. | R.S. Nos. of the lands in the patta. | Existing assessment. | Ultimate resettlement assessment. | Assessment payable in fasli. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1341 | 1342 | 1343 | 1344 |
| | | *Lands on which the enhancement is by $18\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.* | | | | | |
| | | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. |
| | 474 | 1 14 0 | 2 4 0 | | | | |
| | 476-1 | 3 4 0 | 3 13 0 | | | | |
| | 700-4 | 0 10 0 | 0 12 0 | | | | |
| | | 5 12 0 | 6 13 0 | 6 1 0 | 6 7 0 | 6 13 0 | 6 13 0 |
| | | *Lands on which the enhancement is by $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.* | | | | | |
| | 8 | 9 15 0 | 11 3 0 | | | | |
| | 17 | 6 6 0 | 7 2 0 | | | | |
| | 34 | 21 12 0 | 24 8 0 | | | | |
| | 252-6 | 0 3 0 | 0 3 0 | | | | |
| | 283-4 | 15 10 0 | 17 7 0 | | | | |
| | | 53 14 0 | 60 7 0 | 55 6 0 | 57 1 0 | 58 12 0 | 60 7 0 |
| | | *Lands on which there has been no increase.* | | | | | |
| | 15-2 | 3 2 0 | 3 2 0 | 3 2 0 | 3 2 0 | 3 2 0 | 3 2 0 |

*This concession has not been granted at the resettlement of any other tract and has been specially granted to you in view of the general financial difficulties of the current year.*

5. This is not all. Considering that even this concession may not meet the situation if the downward tendency of prices continues Government have undertaken to examine the question whether the amount of the remission granted in each fasli might not be increased with reference to the economic situation prevailing at the time when kist collections are due to begin. Please remember this important assurance and do not listen to the advice of interested agitators who will incite you to unconstitutional courses of action.